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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of references A1, A3-A109, B1-B12, and C1 were previously submitted in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/803,420 which is related to this application, and those copies are not duplicated in this Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of references A2, A110-A138, and B13 as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

FIRST PROTOTYPE

Applicant would like to inform the Examiner that a pickup truck was modified with a prototype of a storage system as described in U.S. Patent Application 506,893, filed July 26, 1995. This pickup truck with the prototype storage system was driven by the inventor on public roads as of January 1995.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g), (h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/INN643/4-013.

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